

## Date Perforations from Stephen Steere

I have three examples of early cheques, issued by London & Westminster Bank, Bloomsbury Branch. The whole of the cheque is handwritten, no official printing, except on the reverse of one which is a printed paying in slip. The dates are September 7th 1868, October 9th 1869 and December 15th 1870. They have each been cashed at a different bank: Glyn & Co; Hill & Sons; London & County Bank.

The date of encashment is perforated by day and month only, no year. The dies of the numbers are not identical, as can be seen in the illustrations. The number '1' and the 'dash' between the dates in particular. As Sloper had a patent in existence for such perforating numbering machines I would contend that these 'perfins' were done on Sloper machines held at the various banks.

